

WEATHER.
Tonight and Wednesday fair;
slightly colder in east portion tonight;
maximum, 45°; minimum, 19°; range,
36°; at 8 o'clock, 28°; northwest winds;
clear.

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Czar Is Thought To Be Master of Passes To Austria

British Observers Emphasize
Admission of Dual Mon-
archy That Russia Now Oc-
cupies Carpathians.

ENGLISH PRESS ADMITS SOME GERMAN GAINS

Trenches South of Ypres Tak-
by Kaiser's Conceded to
Have Considerable Strategic
Importance.

London, Dec. 29 (11:55 a. m.)—British observers of the progress of the war point today to the admission by Austrian official announcements that Russia is once more master of the passes in the Carpathians and that the troops along the entire Austrian front from the Danube river to a point northeast of the Dukla pass seem to be falling back.

This means the withdrawal of virtually all the forces which swept across the mountains to form the extreme right in the concerted Austria-German attack on the Russian armies and it marks another surprising reversal of form on the part of the Austrian soldiers, whose battle fortunes since the outbreak of hostilities have been conspicuously erratic.

Elsewhere in the eastern arena of the war little change has been recorded while on the western front the slow and tedious trench warfare goes on uninterrupted with only slight gains on either side.

The British press concedes the importance of the trenches near Hollenbeck, south of Ypres, which have been taken by the Germans, and points out that the strategic value of these positions has been emphasized recently in a despatch from Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces on the continent. They command an important crossing of the river Lys to which the Germans have been holding tenaciously. The taking of these trenches gives them it stronger foothold.

Fear of a Zeppelin raid over London which recently has more or less subsided, has been replaced by the possibility of a raid by German aeroplanes. The comparative ease with which English armed aircraft carriers have driven home the idea that a retaliatory visit would not present any greater difficulty.

PRESIDENT WANTS TO FINISH PROGRAM AT REGULAR SESSION

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson expects his legislative program, consisting of the shipping bill, the Philippine bill, the conservation bills and the appropriation bills, to be passed during the present session of congress and without an extra session. He told callers today that other proposed legislation had been met with predictions that it would be impossible to pass.

The president said he expected the income of the government to exceed its expenditures during the present fiscal year and that he was doing everything possible to bring about that result. He said he was taking no personal part in the fight over the immigration bill in the senate, but added that it was well known he was opposed to the literacy test.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY.

Russian announcements of defeats of the Germans are disputed today by the Berlin war office, which states that the attacks of the invading armies in Poland have made progress and that strong Russian assaults have been repulsed. No mention is made, however, of the situation in Galicia, where the Russians are described as having inflicted a severe defeat on the Austro-German forces.

The French campaign for re-possession of its lost province of Alsace, one of the first objectives of the armies of the republic after the outbreak of the war, apparently is making progress. The unofficial reports last night that the allies were shelling Metzhausen are supplemented today by the statement of the French war office that the town of Steinbach, Upper Alsace, may be expected soon.

Recent developments have given the United States a more direct interest politically in the European situation. Washington has sent to the British government a note voicing its objection to the methods employed in holding up and searching American vessels. Another important question is raised by Germany's disposition not to recognize longer American consuls in conquered Belgium territory unless they are acceptable to Germany.

BOMBARDMENT NOT THREATENED BY THIS COUNTRY

Russian, Not American Ship,
Made Demonstration at Beirut According to Report
from Naval Officer.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Captain Oman, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina at Beirut, Syria, informed the navy department today that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently threatened to bombard Tripoli.

Captain Oman's explanation was made in response to a request from Secretary Daniels.

Captain Oman reported that no American merchant vessel has been south of Alexandria, Syria, since December 9. An Athens dispatch published just week said the crew of an American steamer had been attacked at Tripoli, south of Alexandria, when foreign civilians and refugees attempted to board her and that the North Carolina had threatened to bombard the town.

Captain Oman's despatch, filed at Beirut yesterday, was as follows:

"On December 25th the Russian cruiser Aspasia sent boats with armed men on a reconnaissance near Tripoli, Syria, at the village of Banias. Before arrival at the beach the boats grounded in shoal water and the crews of the boats were pored by the populace. At the threat of the Turkish authorities to impound the boats' crews, they were informed that the Russian cruiser would bombard the village in such an event and consequently no one was made prisoner. No shots were fired.

The Russian boat crews left the vicinity when the boats were floated. Since December 9 no American merchantman has been south of Alexandria, Syria. The reconnaissance made by British, French and Russian cruisers. Everything is quiet at Beirut.

FIVE ADDITIONAL ARRESTS MADE IN INDIANA

City Controller, Member Municipal Board of Works and Others Taken Into Custody at Terre Haute.

Indiana, Ind., Dec. 29.—Five more men, including E. K. Talbot, city controller of Terre Haute, and George Ehrenhardt, a member of the Terre Haute board of public works, were arrested at Terre Haute today by federal authorities on the indictment returned December 22, charging conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3 past. The arrests today bring the total made since the dragnet was set Christmas night to 19.

Hilton Redman, an attorney, son of Circuit Judge Eli H. Redman, who was arrested and released on \$10,000 bond Saturday, surrendered to the federal authorities, and the fourth man taken into custody was Frank Kizer, a saloonkeeper, who was released on \$2,500 bond. Frank Lockwood, a politician, was arrested this afternoon. He gave bond.

GERMAN CARRY HALF A MILE OF GERMAN TRENCHES BY ASSAULT

Attack Made on Front Twelve Miles in Length and Heavy Force Is Retaining Possession of Gains.

FURIOUS BOMBARDMENT PRECEDES THE ADVANCE

Lines of Opposing Armies at Point of Engagement Distant Only 100 to 200 Yards from Each Other.

ACTION TAKES PLACE IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES

Berlin Wireless Stories of Captured Ammunition Failing to Explode Denied by Paris Officialdom.

Arras, Northern France, Sunday, Dec. 27 (6 p. m.), via Paris, Dec. 29 (11:55 a. m.)—That portion of the French army which is holding the Germans near Arras today attacked the Germans on a front twelve miles long. They carried half a mile of German trenches near Lens by assault and to-night they are holding these positions in force.

The way for this attack was prepared by violent artillery and machine gun fire which swept the German positions from a point to the north of Lens to the suburbs south of Arras. The German batteries everywhere rejoiced heavily to this French fire.

While the Germans were thus engaged along the entire line of this part of their defense works, the French fire opposite Lens suddenly ceased. Instantly French infantrymen leaped from their trenches and charged the German positions which were from one hundred to two hundred yards distant. A brief and furious bayonet encounter brought victory to the French. The Germans were routed, the French took some prisoners and occupied the German ditches. The victory will go on, and everything will work out all right, said Mr. McCanna this morning.

It was all over in 20 minutes. The artillery fire on both sides died down and silence fell on the field of battle. But vigilance was in no sense relaxed. At intervals of two rods in the trenches keen eyes peered into periscopes watching the edges of the German trenches, the observers themselves being well protected below the level of the earth.

GERMAN TALES OF POOR AMMUNITION DENIED BY PARIS

Paris, Dec. 28, 12:55 p. m.—A second official announcement was made by the French military authorities this afternoon. It is as follows:

"An official German communication dated December 26 and transmitted generally to all stations where wireless telegrams are copied, refers to the fact that it often happens that the shells used by the German field artillery does not explode. At the same time the statement is made that these shells were taken by capture from the French or the Belgians."

The Germans who daily have excellent opportunities to observe the efficacy of the French artillery have now discovered a new quality in our guns. This is that they are dangerous only when operated by Frenchmen.

"Let us believe that this is only one more of the romantic tales painlessly spread abroad by the German wireless system."

FRENCH MAKE GAINS DESPITE BOMBARDMENT

Paris, Dec. 29 (11:55 p. m.)—The French official statement on the progress of the war given out this afternoon refers to comparatively minor French successes and mentions violent bombardment of certain French positions by German artillery. The French have occupied a village in Belgium; they have gained ground in the Argonne, and they are investing Steinbach in upper Alsace. The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium the village of St. Georges has been occupied by our troops who have established themselves in this location.

"From the Lys to the Somme, the enemy has bombarded our positions rather violently.

"There has been calm along the front between the Somme and the Aronne.

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1ST NATIONAL BANK ENABLES COLLEGE TO GO ON

Abuquerque Institution Will Advance Money to Pay A. & M. Expenses Until Bond Is Collected.

Plans for financing the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, pending the adjustment of the difficulties growing out of the failure of the First State bank of Las Cruces in which the college had nearly \$80,000 on deposit, were completed in this city today. The First National bank will advance the money necessary to carry the college on until the bond securing the deposit in the Las Cruces bank is collected.

P. F. McCanna, who was elected

secretary and treasurer of the college board of regents yesterday, at a meeting in Las Cruces, made the final arrangements with the First National bank this morning. The First National was first approached Sunday night when Governor McDonald, on his way to the meeting at Las Cruces, stopped off here. With Mr. McCanna he went to a conference with M. W. Flournoy, president of the First National. The situation was canvassed thoroughly, and Mr. Flournoy promptly recognized that the bank had an opportunity to do a great civic service.

Mr. McCanna and the governor went away from the conference with virtual assurance that the bank would see the State College through its difficulty, and today the plan was brought to fruition.

The protection of the First National advances lie in the security bond which safeguarded the college deposit in the Las Cruces bank. Attorney General Frank V. Cheney and other lawyers have examined the bond with a legal microscope and they pronounce it absolutely unimpeachable. It is declared a binding obligation on the Oklahoma company that issued it, and the lawyers agree that the corporation cannot successfully defend a suit for the money.

Mr. McCanna announced today that immediate demands would be made on the bonding company for the surety money.

As soon as Mr. McCanna's own bond as treasurer is secured, the First National bank will place funds at his disposal, and all bills against the college will be promptly met. Before the First National came to the rescue there was danger that lack of money for current expenses would force the college to suspend. Absolutely no danger of that remains. The college will go on, and everything will work out all right," said Mr. McCanna this morning.

Mr. McCanna was elected secretary and treasurer to succeed Morgan O. Llewellyn at yesterday's meeting. The membership of the board remains unchanged and it is said that no resignations have been asked or offered. Mr. Llewellyn resigned as secretary-treasurer.

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El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Judge Edward Prieda, Mexican author and artist, returned here today from Mexico City after having been arrested and threatened with execution on his return north. He finally was released by order of Mexico City officials and being received to the international bridge, was told that he was exiled from Mexico.

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VILLANAS WRECK TRAIN AND BLOCK TAMPA LINE

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 29.—Troops were to be senting under General Francisco Villa's orders, according to dispatches received here today, to end a passenger train and blocked traffic on the Tampa division of the Mexican railway, 175 miles west of Tamzin, on December 26. The only foreigners on board, an American and his wife, were treated courteously.

JAP CRUISERS LEAVE PERUVIAN COAST.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 29.—The Japanese armored cruisers Asama and Iwami, which sailed from Callao several days ago, put in at Puerto Pizarro, near the northern boundary of Peru. On Sunday they left that port, sailing in a northwardly direction.

Riohat which is northeast of Trujillo.

The forces of the enemy which had occupied our trenches in the vicinity of the redoubt in the Jardines forest to the west of Apreamont have been driven out after three successive counter attacks.

"In upper Alsace, following a violent engagement, we are today closely investing Steinbach and our forces have taken possession of the ruins of the chateau which is located to the northwest of this village."

LOSS OF SUBMARINE IS OPTICALLY CONFIRMED

Paris, Dec. 29 (11:55 p. m.)—The ministry of marine today issued an announcement confirming the loss of the French submarine Curie in American waters as has been previously reported in newspaper dispatches.

The text of the announcement follows:

"The French submarine Curie was sent alone into the harbor of Pola, the Austrian naval base, against certain Austrian warships.

"Not having returned within the time expected, the ministry of marine assumed that the information of the foreign press is correct, namely, that the Curie had been sunk and her crew taken prisoners."

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GUARANTEE OF SAFETY FOR NEUTRALS GIVEN BY VILLA

Bandit Chieftain Regrets Attitude of Provisional President, Whom He Says Is Dominated by Advisors.

PRUDENCE AND ENERGY NEEDED AT PRESENT

Mexico's Leading Soldier Declares He Will Supervise Immediate Fortunes of Strife-Torn Republic.

CAPTURE OF TAMPICO IS NEXT ON HIS PROGRAM

Mexican Author and Jurist Returns to El Paso After Arrest and Imprisonment Because of Writings.

Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 27—(via El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29).—When the matter of frequent executions and the lack of personal guarantees was brought to the attention of General Villa today, he made the following statement:

"Many foreigners have lately asked me for personal guarantees. I am disposed to make every effort to give these. Many of the requests have been telegraphed.

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ASSURANCE GIVEN THAT NEW MEXICO CENTRAL WILL BE CONTINUED IN OPERATION BY NAMING ELY

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